

## Post Shorts

### APG hosts Earth Day events

Aberdeen Proving Ground will host a series of events to honor Earth Day and Arbor Day on April 16.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, an annual event meant to draw recognition to environmental issues and appreciation for the earth and the natural environment.

Events will be held throughout Harford County and the State of Maryland to commemorate Earth Day, including clean-up of local woods, parks and waterways, and tree and flower plantings.

An Earth Day poster contest was held for grades pre-K through 12 with posters submitted to North Harford High School. Visit [http://mdchem.org/earthday-poster\\_contest](http://mdchem.org/earthday-poster_contest) for more information.

APG's April 16 Earth Day will be held 9 a.m. at Top of the Bay. Events include a recognition ceremony for the Earth Day poster contest winners and awards presentations from the Arbor Day Foundation and the Maryland Plant award.

After, everyone is encouraged to take part in additional activities to include a viewing of the poster submissions, an APG Eagle Program display, a visit from Woodsey the Owl, six different hands-on Earth Day science activities, native Maryland tree seedling giveaways and vegetable seed plantings at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

### Vanpool information session April 27

Join a vanpool information session, 1:30 p.m., April 27 at building 4504, first floor. Anyone interested in cutting commuting costs to the Aberdeen Area of APG and protecting the environment is invited to attend. Representatives from the Harford County rideshare Community Resource Department and VPSI Inc. will be on site to discuss van pooling options. Seating is limited. Reserve by April 23.

For more information, call Chantay Lynch or e-mail [chantey.n.lynch@us.army.mil](mailto:chantey.n.lynch@us.army.mil).

### SAME meets April 15

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post will meet April 15. See **SHORTS**, page 7

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# IMCOM introduces its Campaign Plan for 2010-2017

## Leaders emphasize "Way Forward" for Army, IMCOM

Story by **GEORGE MERCER**  
GAPG Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command rolled out its 2010-2017 Installation Management Campaign Plan at a conference in San Antonio, Texas March 29-April 1.

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, Commander, IMCOM and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, described the plan as a "Way forward."

"The plan represents my overall strategy for IMCOM and OACSIM," he said to the more than 2,000 attendees at the conference. "The IMCP strategic direction provides the foundation and road map for each Soldier, Family and Civilian to understand their role in supporting the warrior now and in the future. [It] is a living document manifested by all agencies within the Installation Management Community to align and integrate my strategy."

"The Plan is a shared and understood vision, strategy and way ahead for the Installation Management Community," Lynch said.

The IMCOM headquarters, Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, Army Environmental Command, the Region Headquarters, and the Garrisons are responsible for the daily operation of the plan.

Lynch explained that the IMCP will be executed along six lines of effort: 1. Soldier, Family and Civilian Readiness; 2. Soldier, Family and Civilian well being; 3. Leader and Workforce Development; 4. Installation Readiness; 5. Safety; and 6. Energy Efficiency and Security.

"The plan's end state is a measurable plan executed by each subordinate installation and nested in the goals and priorities set forth by the Secretariat and Army Headquarters," he said.

The Plan is just the beginning, Lynch said, and the installation management community's challenge is now to determine, "How can we do a better job of taking care of Soldiers and Families? That's why we exist; that's the essence of our being."

"Unforeseen challenges arise," Lynch said, "and [we] must ask ourselves three fundamental questions: Are we doing the right things? Are we doing things right? What are we missing?"

The conference's keynote speaker was Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army Chief of Staff. Casey shared his assessment of where the service stands and how the Installation Management community will continue to provide a vital role not only in supporting the Army Family but in operating installations more efficiently and effectively as well.

Casey emphasized three objectives:

- Continue to restore balance;
- Refine the Army of the 21st Century; and
- Sustain Soldiers, Families and Civilians.

He also iterated statistics and time lines for the present while laying out a future for the Soldiers of the 21st century.

Casey said objectives set in 2007 to rebalance a force stretched from current demands by 2011 were already met this year, and that Army growth slated to be completed in 2012 was achieved in 2009.

"We're three years ahead of time and it

wasn't a moment too soon with the plus up in Afghanistan," Casey said.

"It's clear to me the most important thing we can do," Casey said, "...is increase the time Soldiers are home; not just so they can spend time with their Families - that's important - but so they can recover themselves."

Casey explained that readjustment of dwell time - the amount of time Soldiers spend at home between deployments - was significant and that 70 percent of the active force will have a two-year dwell time and 80 percent of the Reserve and Guard a four-year dwell by 2011, with the remaining force to be included by 2012.

He pointed out that the conversion of all 300 Army brigades to modular organizations as part of rebalancing, planned since 2004, will be completed by the end of this year.

"Taken together, modular reorganization is the largest organizational change of the Army since World War II, and we've done it while we've deployed 150,000 Soldiers over and back to Iraq and Afghanistan every year."

Casey also announced that a new rotational model and deployment schedules for the next three years will be published in the next 60 days.

Looking ahead, Casey said the Army is placing special emphasis on initiatives designed to further strengthen resilience of Soldiers and Families - the Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention program and the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program.

Casey emphasized that the IMCOM campaign plan was integral to and helped contextualize the Army Campaign Plan.

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# IMCOM

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## IMCOM introduces new logo

As part of its Installation Management Campaign Plan Roll-out, the Installation Management Command introduced a new logo in March.

The logo was developed to run in conjunction with the IMCOM emblem and is representative of the four major facets of Army community life: stewardship, readiness, facilities and Families. The green tree symbolizes environmental stewardship, the red flag at the top represents readiness in support of the Army, the gold houses and facilities show the infrastructure IMCOM is responsible for building and maintaining, and the Family grouping at the bottom represents the Soldiers, Families and Civilians that make up the greater Army Family.

According to Kathy Aydt, chief of Strategic Communication of Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management/IMCOM, IMCOM Commander Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch asked that a new logo be created to represent IMCOM's new goals as stated in the IMCP.

"He is very interested in installing pride and ownership within the workforce and wanted something that really symbolized the importance of the work that we do," Aydt said.

# Soldier Show returns to APG May 9

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The Army's premier "entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier" song and dance production - the U.S. Army Soldier Show - returns to Aberdeen Proving Ground for one performance 7 p.m. May 9 at the Post Theater. The show is free and open to the public.

In its 27th year, the show's theme, "Soldier Show 27.0" revolves around current social-media phenomena.

Soldier Show director Victor Hurtado said the show is like a new version of a computer program, although it's built on the foundations of past versions.

"Basically, it's like a computer screen," he said. "When you walk in, you'll see the desktop and all of the transitions are like Facebook or Google with a PDF."

The show includes repeat appearances by four Soldiers from the 2004 cast as well as



Photo by TIM HIPPS, FMWR PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
Staff Sgt. La'Brenza McDonald of Fort Leavenworth, Kan., dances and sings while Spc. David Palmer of Fort Riley, Kan., plays "Jump" during rehearsal for the 2010 U.S. Army Soldier Show at Wallace Theater on Fort Belvoir, Va.

similarities to the 2004 theme.

Hurtado said the previous show revolved around how deployed Soldiers kept in touch with loved ones via cellular telephones and electronic mail.

"Those communication devices have since been supplement-

ed by today's faster-moving and farther-reaching social-media tools, many of which the Army has embraced."

As always, the troops will deliver several genres of music and dance, complete with Soldier-musicians on guitar, bass,

keyboard and drums. And of course, there is a special tribute to the late Michael Jackson with a medley of his most popular songs.

"I don't want to give too much away but the last piece is something that you'll definitely recognize," Hurtado said.

He added that the most unique thing about the show is that the finale is being written by the cast.

"As a group, they are writing an original song and it's really coming together beautifully," he said, adding that he was quickly impressed by this year's Soldier Show performers.

"People are going to be just shocked to see how good they are," he said.

The 2010 Soldier Show schedule features 101 performances at 53 venues, including eight stops in Germany.

Editor's Note: TIM HIPPS, FMWR Public Affairs, contributed to this article.

# Commentary - Promote resilience to build strength

By **LT GEN RICK LYNCH**  
IMCOM Commanding General



Defender 6 sends:  
Resilience is also the ability to bounce back in the face of adversity... it's mental toughness! Webster defines resilience as, "the capability of a strained body to recover its size and shape after deformation caused especially by compressive stress" and "an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change."

The strength of our Nation is only as strong as the Soldiers, Families, and Civilians that courageously support and defend it. Over the last 8 years, more than one million Soldiers have deployed to combat, over 3,900 Soldiers have sacrificed their lives, and more than 25,000 have been wounded in service to our country. Army units and Families across the globe are relocating in compliance with the Base Realignment and Closure Law, and we continue to transform our business practices. To remain strong in this dynamic environment, leaders must proactively maintain and develop resiliency programs and services to enable the total Army Community (Soldiers, Civilians, Families, and Retirees) to maintain healthy relationships and happy lives.

Our approach to supporting resiliency for the Army Community is to enhance their ability to adapt to stress by supporting, maintaining, and developing programs and services that promote total wellness. As I have said before, I am convinced that the Army spends too much time fixing Soldiers after they break, evidenced by the rise in suicide and substance abuse rates. We should be spending our time, energy, and resources to make the Army Community resilient to prevent them from breaking.

We will use the Public Health Model of assessment, education, intervention, and treatment to integrate and deliver services to help prevent Soldiers, Civilians, and Families from breaking. By applying this model before a crisis happens we will be better able to keep the Army Community strong in all dimensions of resiliency.

Individuals must be fit mentally, physically, and spiritually to achieve optimum resilience. The Installation Management Community will provide the best care, support, and services for the Army Community by improving quality of life through initiatives, such as the Army Family Action Plan, the Army Family Covenant, Army Community Covenants, the Installation Management Campaign Plan and the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program.

When I was the senior commander at Ft. Hood, I built a Resiliency Campus to enable the Army Community to become resilient before deployments, during deployments, and to solve many other challenges faced by Army Families. Other IMCOM garrisons are also focusing on resilience. Fort Bliss has a Restoration and Resilience Center that offers a Warrior Resilience Program and

a Family Resilience Program. Fort Jackson is planning to open a Master Resilience Training school that will offer a 10-day Master Resilience Training Course to equip leaders to teach coping skills to unit members. At Fort Campbell, the Family Resiliency Council has teamed up with key organizations to be one of the first installations to publish an online resource guide to provide accurate and accessible information to Soldiers, Families, and Civilians. These are but a few initiatives underway dedicated to enhancing Soldier, Civilian, and Family resilience.

The strain of multiple deployments and other stress factors may continue into the future. Therefore, I challenge leaders and personnel throughout the Army Community to think of new ideas to enhance installation resiliency initiatives and to send your ideas to your installation leadership or me. I also challenge each of you to take advantage of existing programs and services on your installation and in your community to remain mentally, physically, and spiritually fit. The Army Community is the strength of our Nation and IMCOM garrisons are the Army's Home!

Support and Defend

## Survey of building plumbing systems planned



DPW

The Directorate of Public Works has contracted the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) to conduct a feasibility cross-connection survey of 100 percent of the plumbing systems in buildings on Aberdeen Proving Ground. The survey area includes buildings on both the Aberdeen and Edgewood area that Garrison-supported activities currently occupy.

The purpose of the survey is to ensure the safety of the installation drinking water and to comply with U.S. Army, federal and state regulation, according to Larry Carter, DPW cross connection control survey manager.

Carter said that teams will survey all plumbing systems on APG to ensure there is no cross-connection contamination between potable and non-potable water.

"The drinking water is on APG is safe to drink," Carter said. "This survey will give us the knowledge to be able to identify any possible areas within our water distribution systems that could result in a cross-contamination between the drinking and non-drinking water."

The survey will begin on or about July 7 and will consist of three teams of surveyors from USAPHC (Prov) and DPW work-

ing through all the buildings on the installation, he added.

Richard Valdivia is the USAPHC (Prov) program manager for the cross-connection control survey and an environmental physical scientist who conducts water distribution surveys on military installations around the world.

"Conducting a cross-connection control survey not only ensures APG is in continued compliance with state regulation, it is also extremely important in protecting the health of employees on the installation," Valdivia said.

Richard Bandy, DPW chief of buildings and structures, will be involved with the Edgewood Area team. A certified backflow prevention specialist, Bandy said backflow prevention devices also will be inspected during the survey to ensure all are in working order and not requiring repair or replacement.

"With a survey you look to find out if you're in compliance," Bandy said. "With this inspection, we actually test the devices. If a device fails, that will generate a work order to repair or replace it."

Carter said that when the survey is completed, the APG Garrison will have a cross-connection

control management plan that will include a complete inventory of building survey backflow prevention devices and an emergency response plan.

He said that facility managers and site coordinators can learn more at the DPW Customer Awareness or Cross-Connection Control Program monthly meetings.

For more information, facility managers or site coordinators should contact Carter at 410-306-1385 or e-mail larry.l.carter@conus.army.mil.

**What is a backflow prevention device?**  
[www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

A backflow prevention device is used to protect water supplies from contamination or pollution.

A typical backflow assembly has test cocks and shut-off valves and must be tested each year, if relocated or repaired, and when installed.

In the United States, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) holds local water suppliers responsible for maintaining a certain amount of purity in potable water systems. Many states and/or local municipalities require annual testing of backflow prevention assemblies. A check valve is a common form of backflow prevention.

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON, APG NEWS  
Richard Bandy, Directorate of Public Works chief of Buildings and Structures for the Edgewood Area, attaches a Wilkins differential gauge to a Watts 2-inch backflow preventer to demonstrate the types of inspections that will take place during the upcoming plumbing survey of all installation buildings.

## Installation dial plan changing

USASNEC-APG

The U.S. Army Signal Network Enterprise Center-Aberdeen Proving Ground will oversee upcoming changes to the installation dial plan beginning in May.

Due to the population increase, 20,000 additional telephone numbers have been acquired. To implement the additional numbers, the NEC-APG is changing from a five-digit dialing plan to a seven-digit dialing plan. This change goes into effect no later than Aug. 1, 2010.

To implement the seven-digit dialing plan, the method of dialing the Defense Switched Network (DSN), commercial (local) and commercial (long distance) will change.

Dialing DSN will change from first dialing an "8" to first dialing "9-4."

Dialing commercial (local) will change from first dialing a "9" to first dialing "9-9." Dialing commercial long distance will change from first dialing "9-1" to first dialing "9-9-1."

The new dial codes (99 and 94) also align the installation with new Army-wide dial standards. This change goes into effect no later than May 1, 2010.

The changes do not affect emergency dialing. Customers will continue dialing 9-1-1 for emergency services. However, devices with pre-programmed numbers – such as FAX machines or auto-dialers – will have to be reprogrammed to incorporate the new dialing plan.

The NEC-APG is committed to making this change as seamless as possible. Updates will be provided as they become available and additional reminders will be sent in the coming weeks.

Changes to the dial plan will take place in two phases:

### May

- Defense Switched Network (DSN) "8" will change to "9-4"
- Commercial (local off-post) "9" will change to "9-9"
- Commercial (long distance) "9-1" will change to "9-9-1"

### July

- Five-digit dialing plan will change to seven-digit dialing plan
- Ex: Aberdeen Area: "3-xxxx" will change to "278-xxxx"

Emergency calls "9-1-1" will remain the same.

The following is the complete list of changes to the installation dial plan:

## Seven-Digit Dialing Table

Aberdeen Area			
Commercial	DSN	On-Post (Current)	On-Post (Future)
410-278-xxxx	298-xxxx	3-xxxx	278-xxxx
410-306-xxxx	458-xxxx	4-xxxx	306-xxxx
443-395-xxxx	648-xxxx	N/A	395-xxxx
443-861-xxxx	848-xxxx	N/A	861-xxxx
Edgewood Area			
Commercial	DSN	On-Post (Current)	On-Post (Future)
410-417-xxxx	867-xxxx	6-xxxx	417-xxxx
410-436-xxxx	584-xxxx	5-xxxx	436-xxxx

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# HCPS hosts Aberdeen Area school tour



Eileen Campbell, Aberdeen Proving Ground schools liaison officer, left, accepts a press kit from Xiara Ford, 10, a fifth grader at Bakerfield Elementary School during a tour of the school by APG personnel March 24.

Story and photo by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Focusing on all it has to offer the children and youths of Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers and civilians, Harford County Public Schools hosted a tour of Aberdeen Area schools for a group of post representatives from various organizations March 24.

Eileen Campbell, APG school liaison, officer helped organize the event that gave participants a look at the furnishings, equipment, locale and educational opportunities at Aberdeen High School, Aberdeen Middle School, Halls Cross Roads, George D. Lisby and Bakerfield Elementary schools.

Participants included John Kearney, director, Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, APG Garrison; Col. Keitron Todd, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command; Maj. Robert Moore, public affairs officer, 20th Support Command; Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Orosz, 20th Support Command; Sgt. 1st Class Sumid Smith, U.S. Army Dental Activity; Bill Newton, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center; Kimberly Hoyle, recruitment and training specialist, U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command-Life Cycle Management Command; Karen Drewen, public affairs specialist, U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency; Detective Mike Farlow, APG Community Police Officer, Directorate of Emergency Services; and Tiffany Evans, intern, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

Accompanying the group was Dr. Robert M. Tomback, HCPS superintendent of schools. A HCPS school bus transported the group to each school.

At Bakerfield Elementary School, Principal Monique Phillip and assistant principal Rosanna Hisrey greeted the group. Phillip presented a synopsis of the school's curriculum and activities and then turned the group over to 5th graders Travell Kinlaw, 11, and Xiara Ford, 10, who led the tour of the school's classrooms and facilities.

Tomback said HCPS held a similar tour at schools near and around the Edgewood Area in the fall.

"It's important to us to reach out and continue to strengthen the relationship with APG in and outside the gate," he said.

Regarding partnership programs such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) and Capstone Projects – the Honors Program in use at the AHS Science and Math Academy – Tomback said that APG organizations are "central to those missions."

"With BRAC (base realignment and closure) these programs will continue to grow and our kids can go to the front of the line when it comes to career opportunities," he said.

He expressed thanks to APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, saying he "has been instrumental in working with schools and organizations and helping coordinate operations and partnerships between APG organizations and our schools."

# Two inducted into AHS Hall of Fame

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

A retired lieutenant general and a former teacher who taught for 32 years were inducted into the Aberdeen High School Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the school March 22.

Lt. Gen. John Dubia, Class of 1961 and former Executive Secretary to the Secretary of Defense was inducted into the hall along with George L. "Corky" Connolly Jr., Class of 1959. Connolly, a physical education/health teacher who led his basketball team to the state championship in 1978, died in 2008 and was posthumously inducted. He also was inducted into the Harford County Public Schools Educator Hall

of Fame in 2007.

Evan Kahl, a student leader enrolled in the school's Science and Math Academy, served as master of ceremonies for the program that included comments from Harford County Councilman Richard Slutzky who worked with Connolly for 25 years.

Both honorees received proclamations from Harford County Executive David Craig and from the Maryland Senate, presented by Senator Nancy Jacobs.

In addition, portraits of the honorees painted by artist Rick Morris will join the portraits of previous Hall of Fame honorees that line the school's main hallway. They include Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, former commander

of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools; Cal Ripken Jr., his father Cal Ripken Sr., and Minnesota Vikings linebacker E.J. Henderson.

Expressing his thanks, Dubia said he was honored and proud to be a graduate of Aberdeen High School.

"I've been all over the world but the values I learned early in life I learned at Aberdeen High School," he said. "They served me well as I continued on to college and to serve the nation."

An executive for Intel Information, Dubia said he sees "great promise" in his hometown community because of base realignment and closure.

"It will bring more jobs, construction, and merchants to Aberdeen, Havre de Grace, Bel Air and surrounding commu-

nities and that's a plus for our students who are already benefiting from the influx of technology due to their closeness to Aberdeen Proving Ground."

Connolly's widow, Gail Connolly, said she was proud of her husband.

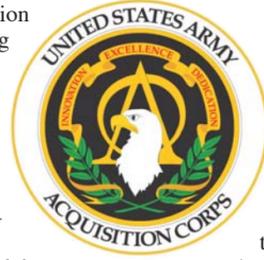
"I know he would be proud and very humble," she said. "He was never far away from here geographically. He loved Aberdeen High School and now I consider him to be a part of it."

"He was a good friend," added Robert Magee, former AHS principal who spoke for the family during the ceremony. "He always put kids first and always taught them the standards he wanted them to uphold."

"He was the best at coaching young men and women and developing character."

## Fellowship Program accepts applications until April 30

The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center is taking applications from Army Civilian Acquisition Corps members, in the Aberdeen Proving Ground or Fort Monmouth areas for the 2010-2011 Senior Service College Fellowship Program at APG.



Fellows will be selected by a centralized selection board. Applicants must, in addition to being a member of the Acquisition Corps at the GS 14 and 15 or equivalent grades must be within a Demonstration Project or the National Security Personnel System and

- Have a level III Certification in at least one acquisition functional area;
- Have a command endorsement letter from the first General Officer/Senior Executive Service level in the applicant's chain of command;
- Have or be able to obtain a SECRET clearance;
- Have a bachelor's degree;
- Be an Army Acquisition Corps member at the time of application;
- Be serving in a competitive appointment Tenure Group 1 or 2;
- Be identified by one's organization as being on the track for executive-level service;

• And while not mandatory, it is strongly preferred that applicants will have completed the Program Management PMT 352 Course.

Apply online using the Army Acquisition Professional Development System accessed via the Career Acquisition Management Portal. Individuals will upload their command endorsement letter, SF-50, Performance Appraisal, etc., into the AAPDS.

Fellows will participate in executive leadership training, program management training leading to PMT 401 certification, senior leadership speaker's program, national security module, research on acquisition topics and field studies, a mentoring program, graduate studies and an optional master's degree program.

Further application information will be posted at the USAASC Web site <http://asc.army.mil>. Applications will be accepted through April 30.

For more information, call Jim Oman, the Defense Acquisition University SSCF program director, 410-436-7257 or 703-254-3255 or e-mail [james.oman@dau.mil](mailto:james.oman@dau.mil).

## Minority College Relations Program assists agency with diversity recruiting

*MCRP*

Recently Aberdeen Proving Ground and U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, MCRP managers visited the Morgan State University School of Engineering to seek students for internships at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

A subordinate organization of RDECOM, ECBC partnered with the MCRP to locate diverse students to participate in its Minority Undergraduate Summer Internship Program (MUSIP). Now entering its second year, MUSIP provides an opportunity for underrepresented college students, sophomores and juniors, majoring in science and engineering, to enhance their education by working on challenging research projects over a 10-week period during the summer. With an Educational Partnership Agreement already established, between APG and

Morgan State University, MCRP managers know where to look for such students, while meeting the program's purpose of strengthening relationships and the viability of minority servicing institutions.

The partnership between MCRP and ECBC has proven to be beneficial to both parties, as more than 41 students from Morgan State University, Howard University, and The University of Maryland have applied for internships via the MCRP. The ECBC Workforce Management Office, which normally recruits for the agency, briefly directed its recruitment resources to other areas, pertaining to MUSIP.

For more information about the MCRP, or how MCRP can assist in diversity recruiting, contact Rick Witherspoon, APG MCRP Manager at 410 278-1137 or Neslie Etheridge, RDECOM MCRP Manager at 410 436-3477.

# Donations from corporate firms bolster the Maryland National Guard's Freestate Challenge Academy Foundation

Story by  
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MD Military Department PIO

Officials of the Maryland Military Department and the Freestate Challenge Academy Foundation are praising substantial donations made to the academy's foundation by Raytheon's Network Centric Systems and the Edward St. John Foundation, which is part of St. John Properties, Inc.

Raytheon's Network Centric System develops and produces mission solutions for networking, command and control, battle-space awareness, and air traffic management. Programs include civilian applications, command and control systems, integrated communications systems, and netted sensor systems. The company donated \$5,000 to the academy's foundation for the purchase of educational materials to help develop science, technology, engineering and math, commonly known as STEM.

Raytheon believes in working within communities to encourage a greater adeptness to difficult subjects, such as STEM, and so it works with schools to develop math clubs, allows students to tour its facilities and labs and employees often volunteer as tutors. The local office, currently located in Baltimore, will move to Aberdeen Proving Ground as soon as its new building is completed by the St. John Properties.

St. John Properties, Inc. which is one of the Mid-Atlantic region's largest privately held commercial real estate firms, is developing the property known as "The Gate" for Aberdeen Proving Ground. Edward St. John, President and CEO of St. John Properties, established the St. John Foundation a little more than a decade ago, and in that time has given away or pledged more than \$42 million in money and in-kind gifts to more than 300 recipients in the



Photo courtesy of FREESTATE CHALLENGE ACADEMY

From left: Freestate Challenge Academy cadets Matthew Hyn, Denzel Morris, DeAngelo Hopkins and David Hyn serve as color guards during a duel ground-breaking ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground on Dec. 14 to highlight the start of construction on office buildings for L-3 Communications and Raytheon Company.

Baltimore-Washington corridor. He is a firm believer that without education, people remain dependent on others, and so his foundation donates 7.5 percent of his net income to schools and educational organizations each year. The St. John Foundation has donated a total of \$5,500 this year to the Freestate Challenge Academy Foundation in educational scholarships.

The Freestate Challenge Academy Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization, supports the efforts of the Maryland Freestate Challenge Academy.

The academy is a two-phased 17-month intervention program for underemployed, drug-free, "at-risk" high school dropouts from the state of Maryland. The first phase consists of 22 weeks in residency at the Freestate Challenge Academy at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Following graduation from the resident phase, the cadets are mentored for an additional 12 months, during which time they are placed into jobs, continue their education, or enter the military.

The mission of the academy

is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of at-risk youth and to produce graduates with the values, skills, education and self-discipline needed to succeed as adults. Students are brought into a structured and highly disciplined quasi-military academic setting that builds confidence and self-esteem to become productive and contributing members of our society.

Cadets attend academic classes to prepare to test for the General Education Development (GED) credential and Maryland High School Diploma.

The year 2010 marks the 17th anniversary of the program and has been another extremely successful year for the academy. 187 students graduated last year and more than 2,500 cadets have graduated since the Academy's beginning in 1993. The alumni of the Freestate Challenge Academy are responsible and productive citizens who are now contributing to their communities throughout the state of Maryland by employing the values and skills taught to them while at the academy.

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY

### APRIL 15

#### ARE YOU AN ENERGY SAVER?

Want to lower energy bills and find out how energy efficient the house is? Come get the tools to find out how much energy appliances use, how well the house is insulated, and much more.

This two-hour workshop will show participants how to evaluate the home's energy use and give practical solutions for becoming an Energy Saver. Refreshments will be provided. This free program will be held 6 to 8 p.m. for adults. The program is free but registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

## FRIDAY

### APRIL 16

#### THE FINTON FORMULA FUN VISITING SCIENTIST SERIES

Come to the Estuary Center for excit-

ing hands-on chemistry and environmental science fun, guided by guest scientists from the local community.

The topic this month is Electricity Lab. This program will be held 4:30 to 6 p.m. for ages 10 to 12 or 5th to 7th grade.

The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

## SATURDAY

### APRIL 17

#### TEXAS HOLD'EM

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will host a day of Texas Hold'em. The first game starts 1 p.m., the second game starts 6 p.m. Register by noon and 5 p.m. with a \$50 buy in. First come, first served. There will be side tables. Sandwiches and light fare will be available.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

## EARTH DAY 2010

An Earth Day celebration will be held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Aberdeen Festival Park located on West Belair Avenue, across from the Aberdeen Library. This event is free for all ages and will include live music, a rock climbing wall, a "moon bounce," Tie-Dye, recycle games and prizes, environmental exhibits and face painting. Rain date is April 18. For more information, call 410-297-4215.

## CLOTHES GIVE AWAY

St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will give away clothes on the first and third Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be held on the lower level of the Church Parsonage at 742 Otsego Street, Havre de Grace.

For more information, call Pattie Ford, 410-939-2267.

## WHITE-TAILED DEER SURVEY

Harford County seems to be experiencing explosive population growth and not just with humans. So, come help determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size. Come get the scoop and conduct pellet (deer scat) counts out on the trails to determine how many deer call the Park home. This free program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 16 to adult. The program is free but registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

## EARTH DAY KAYAK

In honor of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, celebrate Mother Nature's beauty while paddling along in search of all the earth has to offer. This program will be held 1 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

## SUNDAY

### APRIL 18

#### CRITTER CRUISE

The tide is high! Venture as far into the marsh as the tide allows and see what's up and at 'em on a fine spring morning. This program will be held 10 to 11:30 a.m. for 30 lbs. to adult. Cost is \$6 per adult and \$4 per child. Regis-

tration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

## MEET A CRITTER

Check out one of the Center's live critters up close while discovering what makes that animal special. This free program for all ages will be held 3 p.m. No registration is required.

For more information or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

## MONDAY

### APRIL 19

#### GUNPOWDER TOASTMASTERS

Advance your career by learning to speak effectively and powerfully! The Toastmaster's mission is to help people improve communication, leadership, evaluation, and public-speaking skills in a fun and friendly environment. The Gunpowder Toastmasters meet the first and third Mondays each month (unless the date falls on a federal holiday), 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m., in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in building E-4516 Seminar Room. Click on <http://gunpowder.freetoasthost.info> for directions or call Dave Garcia, 410-436-5013, or Carmen Kifer, 410-436-8969, for more information.

## FRIDAY

### APRIL 23

#### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Notre Dame Preparatory School, located on 815 Hampton Lane, Towson, Md., will sponsor an electronics recycling event, 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the lower level parking lot. The public is invited to donate televisions (big box, console), computer monitors, CPUs, microwaves, laptops, fax machines, scanners, printers, telephones, cell phones, mice, keyboards, hard drives, CDs and floppy discs. Refrigerators and air conditioners will not be accepted. There is a small fee ranging from \$2 to \$20 per item, payable by cash or check to NDP. Old electronic equipment will be disposed of in an environmentally sound and secure way. For more information, call 410-825-6202.

*(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil) under Community Notes.)*

## Motorcycle Safety Courses revised

The APG Safety Office, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, hosts Motorcycle Safety Courses throughout the year. Attendees must register online at AIRS at <https://airs.lmi.org>. For more information, contact H. Mike Allen, APG Safety Office at 410-306-1081.

The following is a revised list of class dates for the Motorcycle Safety basic and experienced rider courses.

#### Basic Rider Course (BRC)

Day 1: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., building 4303, Hazardous Waste Training Room

Days 2 and 3: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Motorcycle Range on Darlington Street

#### Dates:

April 27 to 29, May 25 to 27, June 22 to 24, July 20 to 22, Aug. 17 to 19, Sept. 21 to 23, Oct. 19 to 21

#### Experienced Rider Course (ERC)

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Motorcycle Range on Darlington Street

#### Dates

April 30, May 3, 12, 14, June 2, 3,

25, July 8, 9, 23, Aug. 20, 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2, 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12

#### Fort Meade MSBC

A Military Sport Bike Rider 2010 course is being offered by the Fort Meade Safety Office throughout the year. MSBC is held 8 a.m. at the Safety Office classroom, 8548 6th Armored Cavalry Road, Fort Meade, Md.

Class and range time is dependent on the amount of students and their abilities. Classes should end by 5 p.m.

Attendees must register online at AIRS at <https://airs.lmi.org>. For more information, contact Bob Hansen at 410-804-6343.

Fort Meade MSBC classes are scheduled for the following dates: April 15, May 10, May 13, June 14, June 17, July 12, July 15, Aug. 9, Aug. 12, Sept. 13, Sept. 16, Oct. 14.



## Post Shorts

11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay, with featured speaker Deborah Potter, Deputy to the Commander, U.S. Army Environmental Command. Potter will provide an Environmental Command update.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Visit [www.same-chesapeake.org/](http://www.same-chesapeake.org/).

### Tax Center closes April 15

The Installation Tax Assistance Program, directed by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division, provides free tax assistance to qualifying active-duty service members, retirees and Family members.

The Tax Center staff only prepares simple and intermediate level tax returns. Complex tax returns will be referred to professional providers.

Prior to visiting the Tax Center, clients should access the "Client Agreement and Questionnaire" located on the APG Web site at [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil) or the Legal Web site at <https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/8525761700412C32>, click on Legal Assistance, then APG Tax Center. This document is extremely helpful in gathering the information needed to file an accurate return.

The APG Tax Center is located downstairs in Top of the Bay, building 30. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Tax Center closes April 15.

### Family childcare providers needed on, off post

For everyone who loves children and wants to be home with their own, this is a great opportunity. Become part of a worldwide network of mobile military

professionals who can work at home and contribute to the Family income.

Family Child Care training will be conducted April 19 thru 22 at Community Youth Services on Rodman Road, building 2752. Free childcare will be provided during the training. Being a professionally trained provider in a warm, home environment offers many benefits including the potential for over \$700 per week; ability to stay home with your own children; free training (CPR and First Aid certification, child abuse awareness, sanitation, health, safety, nutrition, business practices and more).

For more information, applicants can visit to the FCC office or call 410-278-7140/7477.

### MWR wants to know

To enhance and improve the food service facilities at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MWR requests readers complete the following survey regarding food and beverage needs. Please visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) or go directly to <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2tv88qog7hw6ln8/start>.

### Annual fire hydrant flushing underway

The annual fire hydrant flushing on Aberdeen Proving Ground began April 5 and runs through May 28.

Flushing is planned for Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The schedule is tentative and may change due to unforeseen problems. For more information, call Dennis Overbay, 443-306-8910.

- April 12 to 16 - Patriot Village 2000 block
- April 19 to 23 - Plumb Point Hous-

ing 300 Block, ARL Complex

## Annual Information Technology Expo is back

USANEC-APG and RDECOM

The U.S. Army Signal Network Enterprise Center - Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command are hosting the 2010 Annual Spring Information Technology Expo, Wednesday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Top of the Bay, APG.

The list of vendors displaying state of the art technologies include 3PAR Government Services, ACL Computers & Software Inc., AMREL, Avocent, AT&T, AVS Installations, Boise Business Interiors, CCS Presentation Systems, CDWG, Consulting Services Inc., Control Cable, Corning, Dell, Emtec Federal, EPS, FA O'Toole Office Systems, Fujitsu, GovConnection, Graybar, Hartford Computer Group, IMC Networks, IXIA,

Konica Minolta Business Solutions, Link Solutions, Mark Electronic Supply, Nelson White Systems, Newark, Office Eagle, Panasonic, Physical Optics, Plantronics, Plug-In Storage Systems, Praxis Engineering, Questionmark, Raritan, SRC, Inc., STG Inc., System Source, Touchboards, Ultra Electronics Criticom, Ward-Boland Associates, Wright Line, Xerox and more!

This expo is free and open to all government and contractor personnel with access to Aberdeen Proving Ground. There will be refreshments.

To attend sign up online at [www.fdaexpo.com/register.php?id=65](http://www.fdaexpo.com/register.php?id=65)

For more information call FDAE toll-free 877-332-3976, or Deb Daniel, 410-436-6087 or Susan Suppa, 410-278-7598.

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- April 26 to 30 - 3000 Block, 4000 Block
- May 5 to 7 - 3000 Block, 4000 Block
- May 10 to 14 - Spesutie Island 400 Block, 500 Block
- May 17 to 21 - 600 Block, 700 Block
- May 24 to 28 - 00 Block, 1000 Block

### Port to Fort 6K Run/Family Walk

Believe in Tomorrow National Children's Foundation will hold the 14th Annual Port to Fort 6K Run/Family Walk on Sunday, April 25, at 9:00 a.m. in Baltimore, Md.

Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation provides hospital and respite housing as well as other supportive programs

for Families with critically ill children.

Two of Believe in Tomorrow's respite facilities prioritize military Families with critically ill children.

Prior to race day the cost to register is \$25 for the general public, \$15 for active duty military and students. The cost the day of the event is \$30.

For more information, and to register for the Port to Fort 6K Run/Family Walk go to [www.believentomorrow.org](http://www.believentomorrow.org).

Participants can also support Believe in Tomorrow by using the "Virtual Run" option found on Believe in Tomorrow's Web site.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil) under Shorts.)

## Plan

From front page

"What you do is so important to the long-term health of this force," he said, adding he wanted to personally deliver the operational context of the plan and stressed leadership focus on change as the Army moves forward.

Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison Commander, APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades and seven other Garrison leaders attended the conference.

"These lines of effort," Ortiz said, "are the core of what the Garrison does and has been doing all along: taking care of Soldiers and their Families. But

the IMCP focuses specific attention and gives direction to them. In essence it provides us with a very concise and specific tool to help us get APG to where it will need to be as the Army and the post transform over the next decade."

"All of the speakers at the conference emphasized the fact that we're living and working in an ever-changing environment," Ortiz said. "The Army has to keep up with and adapt to the changing environment or it will not be able to execute its many varied missions. That's very true about Aberdeen Proving Ground as well. The APG of today is very different from that of yesterday and the APG of the not too distant future is going to be very different as well. We, in the Garrison have to be ready and willing to change with the environment and

requirements. The Campaign Plan gives us a roadmap for getting to that quickly changing future, while focusing our efforts on delivering Garrison services today."

At the core of the Plan's conception are several key imperatives, Lynch said.

"We need to establish a cost culture featuring cost savings and cost avoidance," he said. "We must focus on sustaining Soldiers, Families and Civilians, work toward establishing the appropriate force structure, refine our requirements process to focus on 'value added' and improve strategic communication.

"With increased decision - making opportunities at all levels you can make a difference. Let's all take responsibility for improving ourselves and the Installation Management Community,"

Lynch explained in his introduction to the IMCP. "Join me in making sure we do all we can do to support the courageous men and women who fight our nation's wars and preserve our freedom. They have earned our best efforts."

The Installation Management Campaign Plan Roll-Out Conference was held in conjunction with the Association of the U.S. Army's Institute of Land Warfare Army Installations Symposium and Exposition.

Over the next several months, a series of articles in *APG News* will highlight the IMCOM Campaign Plan's Lines of Effort.

Information from stories prepared by the IMCOM Public Affairs Office and L.A. Shively, Fort Sam Houston News Leader, were incorporated into this article.



# FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## APG running clubs up and ... well, running

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Running enthusiasts on Aberdeen Proving Ground now have an organized outlet for their passion. The APG Sports Office has begun a Running Club for organized weekly runs. Club members meet 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center and at Hoyle Gym in the Edgewood Area.

Dan Dolce, Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness coordinator, oversees the club. Dolce said the clubs are open to military, civilians and contractors of all skill levels. "The program gets people motivated

to run together at a designated time every week," Dolce said, adding that as a physical conditioning specialist he also can help runners with their conditioning.

He said the benefits of being a club member include meeting and sharing information with other runners such as training regimens, injury prevention, accessories and upcoming events.

"We are actively looking for team captains for intermediate and advanced level runners who can recommend appropriate train for club members," he said.

### Armed Forces Day 10K Run

He encouraged runners to enter the Armed Forces Day 10K Run to be held

8 a.m. May 15. Registration is online at [www.charmcityrun.com/belair](http://www.charmcityrun.com/belair). The run is open to the public.

### Army 10 Miler

Sixteen slots are available for runners interested in participating in TEAM APG during the Army 10 Miler in Washington, D.C. Oct. 24. The Armed Forces Day 10K run will serve as a qualifier.

"We will be taking the fastest times from the Armed Forces Day Run and offering those individuals spots on our teams," Dolce said.

Those unable to participate in the Armed Forces Day 10K Run can qualify

in the make-up run May 23.

"Members on TEAM APG will receive a custom uniform," Dolce said. "MWR will pay the registration fees and provide transportation to the event."

Those wishing to participate on TEAM APG should contact MWR staff members in the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3326; the Fitness Center, building 320; Hoyle Gym, building E4400; e-mail APG Sports at [apgr-mwr-sports@conus.army.mil](mailto:apgr-mwr-sports@conus.army.mil); visit the MWR Web site at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com); or contact Dolce at 410-278-7933/7934, [dan.dolce@us.army.mil](mailto:dan.dolce@us.army.mil).

## Activities/Events

### How to Start Your Small Business

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Small Business Administration Baltimore District and Small Business Opportunity Center-Northern Region, will sponsor How to Start Your Small Business, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

May 6, Aug. 4 and Nov. 3 in building 2754, ACS Classroom.

This free 90-minute orientation program provides an overview of the ways to start a business, the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur and how to write a strategic business plan. Other services offered by the Small Business Develop-

ment Centers will also be discussed. Space is limited. This event is open to all DoD cardholders, military, civilian, contractors, retirees, Family members and guests.

For more information or to make reservations, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Program Manager, 410-278-9669/7572.

### Treat mom to dinner and a show

Top of the Bay will serve a Mother's Day Dinner, 5 to 8 p.m., May 9. Cost for adults is \$21.95 per person; cost for ages 6 to 11 is \$9.95 per person; children ages 5 and under are free. Cost includes a prime rib carving station, chicken marsala, seafood newburg, assorted vegetables, assorted dessert table, coffee, tea, sodas and champagne for the moms. The bar will also be open for guests' convenience. Deadline for reservations is May 5.

After dinner, treat mom to the annual U.S. Army Soldier Show, 7 p.m. at the Post Theater. The show is free and open to the public.

For more information or to make reservations, call 410-278-3062/2552/5195, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### New York City shopping trip

Leisure Travel will offer a shopping trip to New York City April 17. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost is \$36 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. from the Edgewood Best Western parking lot at Route 24 and return 10:30 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a

seat, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email [APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil).

### Gettysburg tour

FMWR will offer a trip to Gettysburg April 25. Cost of the trip is \$72 per person and includes roundtrip transportation and dinner at Cozy's Restaurant. The bus will depart the Best Western Invitation Inn, 1709 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, 6:15 a.m. and return 7:30 p.m. Space is limited, make reservations now.

For more information or for reservations, call FMWR Leisure Travel Services at the Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011 or 4907 or email [APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil).

### Youth Baseball and Tee ball

Boys and girls ages 4 to 12 as of April 30 may register. Cost of registration is \$45 per child for tee ball. Cost of registration is \$35 per child for baseball. Boys and girls ages 4 and 5 may register for tee ball; ages 6 through 8 may register for coach pitch baseball; and boys and girls ages 9 through 12 may register for kids pitch baseball. Practice began the week of April 1. Games will be held weekday evenings and Saturday mornings.

All youths participating in a team sport must have a current sports physical.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

## April bowling specials

- Early Bird special: Bowl 7 to 10 a.m. for \$.50 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Bowl Monday through Friday, 2 to 4 p.m. for \$.75 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday,

receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza and one pitcher of soda for \$32.

- Each Friday, bowl 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game and receive one game free. Cost of shoe rental not included.

## APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday.

### Week of April 12

- Special #1: Pork barbecue with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.
- Special #2: American hero sub with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.

### Week of April 19

- Special #1: Double bacon cheeseburger with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.25.
- Special #2: Egg salad with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.25.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.





# FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## SKIES Unlimited

### Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/naf.htm> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID card holders. For an appointment, e-mail [stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil](mailto:stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil).

### Private Piano Lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 thru 18, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays or Fri-

days, through May 21. Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign-up for when they register their child.

Students will be responsible for purchasing the required books for the course as recommended by the instructor.

### Beginner Tae Kwon Do School

Join the Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Tae Kwon Do promotes discipline, as well as muscle

toning and conditioning. Beginner Tae Kwon Do classes will be held for ages 6 to 14 at Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522, 6 to 7 p.m., through May 5; and May 10 through June 7. Cost is \$65 per student per four week session or \$150 per student for a 12 week session. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited so register early.

Classes will be taught by instructor U.S.K.B.A. Fighter Kyo Sa Nim Sean Williams.

### Learn to bowl

Youths ages 6 through 14 can learn to bowl, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, April 14 through June 2 at the Bowling Center, building 2342. Participants will learn techniques of bowling as well as technology of ball evolution, equipment, etiquette and scoring. They will also learn skills to improve accuracy and pin fall. Class is limited to 12 participants. Cost is \$80 per person. Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.



### HIRED!

HIRED!, a new Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program for teens ages 15 to 18, is an apprentice program where teens can explore positions in FMWR facilities.

The program will give teens guidance on preparing a resume, and teach them interview techniques as well as give them work experience in their chosen field. Children will receive a stipend for their work at the end of the term.

For more information, call Jay McKinney, 410-278-3250, or e-mail [jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil](mailto:jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil).

### University of Maryland Baltimore County Tour

There will be a University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) Tour, 9 a.m., May 8 for ages 15 to 18. Sign up at the Child, Youth and School Services central registration by May 1. Bring money for lunch. Spaces are limited. Teens will return 2 p.m.

### Time Management and Organization for Teens

Teens, ages 13 to 18 have until May 1 to register for Time Management and Organization for Teens. The program will be held 6 to 7 p.m., May 13, at Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522. Teens will learn how to prioritize and organize responsibilities and leave enough time for fun too. Register at the CYSS central registration building 2752.



### The EDGE

The EDGE Program is designed to highlight opportunities for children and youths in grades 1 through

12, to Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel in FMWR partner facilities.

### Make Your Own Music

Ages 11 to 18 can join "Make Your Own Music" with the AMC Band, 4 to 6 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, from May 3 through 26 at the Bowling Center party room. Listen to the tune that keeps playing in your head and put it down on paper. Transportation will be provided from the AAYS; bus leaves at 3:45 p.m. This program is free. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

### Swim Party at the Olympic Pool

An EDGE Swim Party for ages 6 through 18 will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays from June 1 through 29 at the APG Olympic Pool, building 3325. It's time to get wet and have some fun. Boys and girls can practice all their swimming strokes, play games and just have some good ol' fun. Bring a friend for even more fun. Open to all active duty military and DoD civilian and contractor Family members. There will be a \$40 fee for ages 6 to 10 currently not enrolled in CYSS programs as regular users. The program is free to eligible participants ages 11 to 18. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

### Outdoor Camping

Outdoor Camping will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays, from June 2 through 30 at the Aberdeen Area Outdoor Recreation Office, building 2407. Ages 11 to 18 will learn how to select a camping site and set up a tent; how to safely build a camp fire and cook outdoors and more. Open to all active duty military and DoD civilian and contractor Family members, boys and girls. The program is free to eligible participants. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

### Archery

Are you the next William Tell? Could you hit a target from 25 yards away using a bow and arrow? A free archery program for ages 11 to 18 will take place 4 to 6 p.m. on Fridays, from June 4 through 25 at the Archery Range in the Edge-wood Area. Youth and teens can try their hand at mastering their bow and arrow skills. Archery takes skill and strength to master the accuracy needed to hit the target. Open to all active duty military and DoD civilian and contractor Family members, both boys and girls. A bus will leave at 3:45 p.m. from EA Youth Services, building E1902. Program is free to eligible participants. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

### Build a Model

The Build a Model Program will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, June 7 through 28, at the Bowling Center. Boys and girls ages 6 to 18 can build a ship, a car, a plane or any model they want. Participants can test their skills, ingenuity and patience by building the best model possible. A prize will be awarded for the best model built. Open to all active duty military and DoD civilian and contractor Family members. There will be a \$40 fee for ages 6 to 10 currently not enrolled in CYSS programs as regular users. Program is free to eligible participants ages 11 to 18. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Register at the CYSS Central Registration Office, building 2752, or call 410-278-7571/7479.

For more information, call 410-278-1399 or e-mail [chuck.rose1@us.army.mil](mailto:chuck.rose1@us.army.mil).

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# Health Notes

## Army public health strengthened by transformation

Story by  
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The Army's public health capabilities are being integrated to form a new U.S. Army Public Health Command. The integration is part of the Army Medical Command's transformation from a "sick-care" system to a "health-care" system — one that emphasizes prevention and sustaining good health.

The USAPHC will incorporate select missions of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the U.S. Army Veterinary Command. This integration will occur in phases over a two-year period that began with USACHPPM's conversion to the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) Oct. 1, 2009, and will end when the USAPHC reaches its full operational capability, targeted for Oct. 1, 2011.

Army public health focuses on promoting health and preventing disease, injury and disability in Soldiers and military retirees, their Families, and Army civilian employees. As well, the USAPHC will oversee effective execution of full-spectrum veterinary services throughout the DOD.

"To facilitate a smooth transition as well as synchronize and standardize public health services, we stood up a USAPHC Transition Team," Brig. Gen. Timothy K. Adams, the USAPHC (Prov) commander said. "The team serves as an advisory team and conducts the staff analyses necessary to fully establish the USAPHC."

The team consists of several working groups with representation from MEDCOM, MEDCOM's Regional Medical Commands, USACHPPM, VETCOM, DOD Veterinary Service Activity, the Proponency Office for Preventive Medicine, and the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center.

Led by John Resta, USAPHC (Prov) scientific advisor, and Col. Gary Vroegindewey, assistant chief of the Veterinary Corps, the team currently is developing a detailed plan to stand up the new command, starting with a concept of operations.

"This effort should cause little disruption in service to our customers," Vroegindewey said. "While the USAPHC is transforming, we expect that customers of the former USACHPPM and the VETCOM will deal with the same organizational contacts in the same locations where they currently have relationships."

Customers may not notice the effects from forming the new command, but those involved in planning how it will eventually look and function are engaged in multiple brainstorming and analysis sessions, producing reams of slides and documents. The Concept of Operations was the first major document to test the results of these labors.

Public health services to installations will be organized under the command of regional medical commands or medical treatment facilities, he explained. Current VETCOM branches will merge with existing preventive medicine services to form unified installation-level teams.

**USAPHC (Prov)**

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"One of the biggest pieces of the CONOPS is developing coordinated and integrated organizational relationships to effectively execute missions of mutual interest," Resta said, noting that the Army Enterprise model is being used.

Resta said there will be five public health regions with subordinate public health command districts. The regions currently are located where the former USACHPPM subordinate commands were: Landstuhl, Germany; Camp Zama, Japan; Fort Meade, Md.; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

The plan also proposes to make what was the USACHPPM headquarters a public health institute with responsibility for developing best practices and standardizing services and programs, Resta

said. The institute also would provide reach-back technical expertise and one-of-a-kind services in areas such as laboratory sciences and toxicology. It will remain at Aberdeen Proving Ground. A small headquarters element would oversee the entire USAPHC from Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

With the CONOPS approved, the next phase of the USAPHC transition can begin, Vroegindewey said. In this phase, the USAPHC (Prov) will assume operational control of the VETCOM, and the MEDCOM's continental U.S. regional medical commands will assume operational control of installation-level veterinary service assets in their areas of responsibility. The approval of the concept plan by the Department of the Army is expected to take four to six months.

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# Chapel News



Choir director Heather Edgerton, left, directs the Aberdeen Proving Ground Gospel Service Choir in a performance during the celebration of the choir's 20th anniversary in the Aberdeen Area Chapel March 27.

## APG Gospel Choir celebrates 20th Anniversary

Story and photos by  
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The Aberdeen Proving Ground Gospel Choir celebrated 20 years of creating memorable music during its 20th Choir Anniversary celebration at the Aberdeen Area Chapel March 27.

The musical evening was enhanced by visiting choirs from the surrounding community. They included the Vernon Sewell Ensemble from St. James A.M. Church in Havre de Grace; and choirs from New Hope Baptist Church of Bel Air, Bread of Life Ministries in Aberdeen; and the Divine Purpose choir from the Evangelistic Church of Deliverance in Havre de Grace.

Deacon Dylan Henry, a staff sergeant and instructor with the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, emceed the event.

Entertainment included a Praise Dance by APG Gospel Service youths Javon Averett and Bishop Burch.

Memorable performances were delivered by Tyrell Gibson of the Vernon Sewell Ensemble who led an energetic version of the spiritual, "At the Cross" and Darrell Walton and Stacy Hall of Divine Purpose who both brought the audience to its feet singing "Awesome Wonder" by Trent Cory. And Bread of Life's Jonathan

Smith led his group in making a mighty noise with Bishop Clarence E. McClelland's "Shout Hallelujah."

The APG Gospel Choir closed the show with four selections of its own. Choir director Heather Edgerton led them through T.D. Jakes' "Celebrate," to "Who is like the Lord," by Israel Houghton, "Hallelujah" and "It's My Time" by LaShun Pace.

Resplendent in purple ensembles, the group's voices, united in uplifting spiritual praise, might have been heard beyond the front gate. Its intensity could hardly be contained by the brick and mortar of the chapel.

Edgerton, who has directed the choir for the past year, said members were determined to do well.

"Everyone was excited when we first started practicing and it just grew from there," she said. "Everybody showed what we're made of tonight. I couldn't be more proud."

Edgerton thanked all who contributed in making the night a success, including the hospitality volunteers who served a meal and refreshments in the fellowship hall after the program.

Elder Joel Carter, a sergeant first class assigned to the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) closed the program thanking God and expressing apprecia-



Providing musical accompaniment for the choirs performing in the APG Gospel Choir 20th Anniversary celebration are, from right, Staff Sgt. Stephen Edgerton, U.S. Army Materiel Command Band on keyboard; Staff Sgt. John Colvin, Company C 143rd Ordnance Battalion on drums, and Minister Tony Shumpert on guitar.

tion to all attendees for taking time to be a part of the celebration.

Jeffery Averett, the APG Gospel choir coordinator has been with the APG Gospel service and music ministry for 10 years and has seen many Soldiers and Family members come and go from the choir and the congregation. He said that due to the military lifestyle, goodbyes to departing choir members and musicians always brings sadness.

"The transition of choir members and others is hard, but we know that God has and will always continue to provide just who and what is needed to keep the APG Gospel choir singing for another twenty years and more," Averett said.

"I am very proud and thankful for each one of our members and each of the choirs within the APG Gospel service."

## Commentary - Thank You APG for A Wonderful Tour

By  
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Senior Command Chaplain



When I was a very young boy our family would gather around our parents for evening prayers. I recalled my sister, who, when it came to her turn, would forever stretch out her prayers when all the rest of us kids wanted to go to bed. My parents were patient with us and let her carry on endlessly. She became an expert at this by developing an ever-growing list of "thank-you-God" prayers.

She would pray for every child she knew saying "Thank you, God, for Alice; thank you, God, for Patty; thank you, God, for Bobby," and on and on. Then she would take a deep breath and run through a list of the adults

she encountered at school saying "Thank you, God, for our principal, Mr. Baker; thank you God for Miss Nordell, my teacher; thank you, God, for Mrs. Franco, the school librarian."

And on and on. She also had a catch-all list which included such items as, "Thank you, God, for the lady

in the shoe store; thank you God for my birthday which comes in eleven weeks and three days." Of course there was a "Thank you God for mommy and daddy," and when she was so tired she could hardly keep her eyes open, she groped her way into bed. But on other such occasions her anxiety for sleep moved her prayers to the opposite extreme. She would forget her long list of "Thank you, Gods" and would just simply say, "Thank you, God, for God! Amen."

There are so many of you to thank as I leave APG for retirement. I could not have thought of a better response to the relationship I have had with many in the APG community than that found in the greatest commandment of all - to love. Because God is God, we are worthwhile.

Because God is God, our lives have meaning and purpose. You have all provided me with a meaningful way of seeing God through your loving friendship and supporting our chapel programs, and I will not soon forget. I will always be grateful.

Of course, God is always a step ahead of me when it comes to providing me with the best opportunities and APG was no exception. He is always giving me the best and has things planned so I can continually rely on His Grace for encouragement. All of you at APG have been a part of that plan. I could not have planned to close out my career in the chaplaincy in such wonderful manner. You have made my time with you a meaningful delight. Thank you, God, for God! Amen!

Someone once said "The next

time you say "farewell" to someone you love, say it like you really, really mean it. Say it like it's the last time (even though it almost certainly isn't), and wish them a heartfelt "fare thee well" as you kiss/hug them good-bye."

These sentiments come to mind as I bid good-bye to the APG community. I leave with a deep sense of accomplishment and gratitude as your installation chaplain for these past three years. To the chapel staff, and all our congregational members, whom from my first day, embraced me and worked alongside me in trust, in order to support our Soldiers and their Families and the civilian community, I simply say, thank you kindly for your trust and God's dearest blessings on you and your families always.

## Combined Easter sunrise service marks conclusion of Holy Week

Story by  
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The Aberdeen Proving Ground Chaplaincy and members of its Catholic, Gospel and Protestant congregations came together to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ during the Combined Easter sunrise service at the Aberdeen Area Chapel April 4.

Soldiers, Family members and guests as well as Marines from the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School and cadets from the Freestate ChalleNge Academy attended the program

According to Wikipedia, the sunrise service tradition began in 1732 in Germany and today in the United States, typically is performed by Christian congregations at or near sunrise. Some congregations hold sunrise service in graveyards as a sign of recognition that Jesus no longer lay in the tomb on that first Easter morning.

Chaplain (Col.) Ruben D. Colon delivered the morning message, assisted by Chaplain Lt. Col. Jeff Zust of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command who led the call to worship and Chaplain (Maj.) Fred Townsend who offered a scripture reading from the book of Luke. In addition, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Clay Davis gave the welcome and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Scott Weichl gave the benediction.

The Morning Prayer was delivered by Staff Sgt. Dave Ribar, Garrison chaplain's assistant.

Colon's message, "Our Redeemer Lives" returned to Luke, Chapter 24, which he said demonstrated the Resurrection's power to transform defeat into victory.

"It transforms our faith, it transforms everything," Colon said. "He is risen."

And the church responded, "He is risen."

Elated over the large turnout for the popular event, Colon added later that the "outstanding morning" was symbolic of "how the whole community comes together to support events like this."

"That's the beauty of our Chaplain Program; that we have a community that can come together in worship like this. It's been a privilege to serve here. God is alive in this community."

Dr. Walter Edgerton, senior lay leader with the Protestant Service, said the Sunrise Service meant a lot to him as a Soldier and even more now that he's retired.

"As a retiree, I see that the chaplaincy is a sustaining force for not only our Soldiers but for the whole community," he said. "This morning we had a little bit of everybody. I find that reassuring and I'm proud to be a part of it."

Choirs from the Protestant and Gospel services provided musical selections. The Protestant Choir sang the Easter favorite, "Crown Him, the Risen King," and the Gospel Choir presented an original song, "He Laid it Down," which was written by Staff Sgt. Stephen Edgerton of the U.S. Army Materiel

Command Band. Edgerton plays the keyboard for the choir which is directed by his wife, Heather. He said he wrote the song while deployed to Iraq with the V Corps out of Germany in 2006 when his unit needed a song for its Easter service."

"I was inspired to write it after thinking about how man persecuted and killed Jesus," he said. "I received a revelation that Jesus, being who he was, could have escaped but he chose to die so we could live."

### He Laid It Down

Stephen Edgerton

Sacrifice, is what he did for me  
Paid the price, way back on Calvary  
What greater love than this,  
For a man to lay down his life for a friend  
He knew what must be done  
The Holy Ghost must come  
So He stayed up on the cross

It wasn't money, that He used to pay  
Was the blood, that washes out all stains  
of sin, and transgression  
Man didn't take his life my Jesus laid it down  
He laid it down, He laid it down, He laid it down  
This world could not take his life away